

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

HB 2018 - SB 2168

April 14, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Governor to make interim appointments to judicial vacancies if the Judicial Selection Commission sunsets on June 30, 2009.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On March 30, 2009, we issued a fiscal note indicating *an increase in state expenditures – not significant and a more precise cost estimate is not possible because the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has not provided any information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note.* Based on additional information provided by the AOC and further review, the fiscal impact of this bill is as follows:

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Decrease State Expenditures – \$132,400

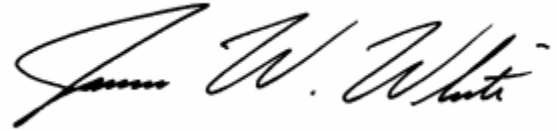
Assumptions:

- Allowing the Judicial Selection Commission (JSC) to sunset on June 30, 2009, will eliminate the JSC and its processes for recommending nominees to fill judicial vacancies. The Judicial Evaluation Commission (JEC) will also be eliminated, along with the judicial performance evaluation processes and the publication of the evaluation/retention recommendation reports.
- According to AOC, the costs associated with the JSC for 2007 were \$20,802.88 and \$45,094.08 for 2008 resulting in a two-year average of \$32,948.48. The costs associated with the JEC for 2007 were \$148,898.92 and \$50,039.39 for 2008 resulting in a two-year average of \$99,469.16. Eliminating the JSC and the JEC will result in an average decrease in state expenditures of \$132,417.64 (\$32,948.48 + \$99,469.16).

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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